

nipped, while the whole season among our Eastern Township hills was a backward and a cold one. The number of entries, however, were larger than ever before, and many new competitors appeared, which is a proof of the increased membership alluded to above. Here it may be pardoned me if I say that this increase has been due to the active canvassing and constant urging on the part of our Directors.

Our show of apples was large, including, besides exhibits of the usual well-known varieties two or three fine collections of seedlings.

We were, however, very much disappointed not to obtain any entries from outside the County, though prizes were offered for collections of apples and collections of grapes (out-door), especially to attract such competition, as we believed this would benefit our people by showing them what other Counties were able to do, and by inciting them to emulate what they thus might have placed before them.

We trust that in future our open prizes may attract exhibits from the other Counties, and for this purpose we propose increasing their value, so that it might be worth the while of fruit-growers to attend our Show.

At a meeting of the Directors, which was held recently at Knowlton, it was decided that a series of meetings should be started at which, by discussion and lectures, we might bring to the attention of the farmers and other landowners what are the objects and scope of the Association, and urge on them the culture of fruit and vegetables, and try to give them some hints to assist their efforts in that direction.

To this end we held a public meeting on the 12th December, in Mr. Pette's Hall, in Knowlton, which we regret to say was not very largely attended. Mr. R. W. Shepherd, Jr., the indefatigable member of the Report Committee of the Montreal Horticultural Society, was kind enough to come out from Montreal, and deliver to us an address, in which he shortly laid before us the many advantages derived from the planting of orchards, and gave us many valuable hints in regard to their care. Besides the address,